

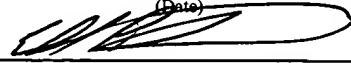


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REQUEST FOR CORRECTION OF FILING RECEIPT

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Dear Sir:

Applicants respectfully request the following correction of the Filing Receipt mailed July 3, 2001 in the above-captioned patent application:

In the section "Domestic Priority data as claimed by Applicant," an asterisk follows the line "WHICH CLAIMS BENEFIT OF 60/062,979 10/18/1997" to indicate that this data is inconsistent with PTO records.

Because the recited priority claim (made in Applicants' serial no. 09/172,738) and filing date are both correct, Applicants respectfully submit that the indication of inconsistency with PTO records should be removed, and that a corrected filing receipt should be issued. Applicants attach the following documentation of the priority claim and filing date:

Appl. No. : 09/878,719  
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Priority Claim in no. 09/172,738.

See attached:

- official Filing Receipt for Applicants' serial no. 09/172,738, which recites "CONTINUING DATA AS CLAIMED BY APPLICANT-PROVISIONAL APPLICATION NO. 60/062,979 10/18/97"; and

- Declaration and Power of Attorney for Patent Application executed by Applicants under attorney docket no. 003548.P015 (listed on Filing Receipt for no. 09/172,738 discussed above), which includes a priority claim to no. 60/062,979.

Filing Date of no. 60/062,979

See attached official Filing Receipt for Applicants' serial no. 60/062,979, which states a filing date of 10/18/97.

Respectfully submitted,

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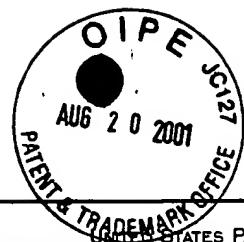
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